

If Death Is Nothing To Us, Then Life Is Everything to Us

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I have never heard of Dillahunty but he sure seems to be on the right side. If this is the way Peterson generally talks then he's insufferable. I think in these contexts this Thomas Jefferson quote is helpful. "Feeling" and "pleasure" are the key words, and it doesn't look like anyone today is willing to go there.

Jefferson to John Adams, August 15, 1820: ([Full version at Founders.gov](#))

.... But enough of criticism: let me turn to your puzzling letter of May 12. on matter, spirit, motion etc. It's crowd of scepticisms kept me from sleep. I read it, and laid it down: read it, and laid it down, again and again: and to give rest to my mind, **I was obliged to recur ultimately to my habitual anodyne, 'I feel: therefore I exist.'** I feel bodies which are not myself: there are other existencies then. I call them *matter*. I feel them changing place. This gives me motion. Where there is an absence of matter, I call it *void*, or *nothing*, or *immaterial space*. On the basis of sensation, of matter and motion, we may erect the fabric of all the certainties we can have or need.